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PETITION AND FEE FOR AUTOMATIC EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.17, 1.136(a) AND 35 USC 41(a)8

Sir:

Applicant(s) hereby petition(s) the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to extend the time for filing a response to the outstanding Office Action by two month(s). The Patent Office is authorized to charge the amount of \$400.00 for the petition fee in accordance with 37 CFR 1.17 computed as:

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